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SUBJECT:SMITHSONIAN 1976 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, SEPT 27-
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1. REFAIR ADVISED POSTS OF SCHOLARS INVITED BY THE SMITH-
SONIAN TO ATTEND ITS 1976 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE. "THE
UNITED STATES IN THE WORLD", SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 1 IN
WASHINGTON. IN ADDITION, A LIMITED NUMBER OF FOREIGN
SCHOLARS IN AMERICAN STUDIES WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND
THE SMITHSONIAN CONFERENCE (AS OBSERVERS) AND A FOLLOW-UP
CONFERENCE (AS PARTICIPANTS) AT BELMONT, NEAR WASHINGTON,
OCTOBER 1 - 3. THIS LATTER CONFERENCE IS INTENDED FOR
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WORKING LEVEL SCHOLARS IN AMERICAN STUDIES AND WILL HAVE

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AS ITS OBJECTIVES:

A) TO FURTHER PROMOTE THE INTERNATIONALIZATION OF AMERICAN STUDIES BY PUTTING SCHOLARS FROM ONE REGION IN TOUCH WITH THOSE OF ANOTHER;

B) TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS OF MAKING EFFECTIVE TRANSLATIONS OF AMERICAN SCHOLARLY MATERIALS AVAILABLE;

C) TO CARRY FORWARD A PROJECT FOR A SYSTEMATIC INVENTORY OF AMERICAN RELATED MANUSCRIPTS AND OTHER MATERIAL OVER-SEAS;

D) TO DISCUSS HOW TO CREATE US HISTORIES WRITTEN IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES BY FOREIGN SCHOLARS;

E) TO DISCUSS FUTURE COMMUNICATIONS AMONG SCHOLARS IN AMERICAN STUDIES;

F) TO DEFINE THE NATURE OF TEACHING MATERIALS NEEDED ABROAD;

G) TO DEFINE AN INTERNATIONAL FACULTY OF AMERICANISTS;

H) TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR PROPOSED SINGLE-COUNTRY WORKSHOPS IN 1977-78.

2. IN CONSIDERING WHETHER TO SUGGEST ADDITIONAL NAMES FOR THE SMITHSONIAN CONFERENCE, AS REQUESTED IN REFAIR, ADDRESSEES SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THAT POST INTERESTS IN AMERICAN STUDIES MIGHT BE BETTER SERVED BY NOMINATING WORKING LEVEL AMERICANISTS FOR BOTH THE SMITHSONIAN AND BELMONTE CONFERENCES.

3. FOR BELGRADE: SONJA BASIC HAS BEEN SUGGESTED BY SCHOLARS HERE, BUT YOU MAY PREFER OTHER CANDIDATE.

FOR BUCHAREST: AS INDICATED REFTEL, SMITHSONIAN IS IN-VITING ILEANA BERLOGEA BECAUSE OF ITS DESIRE TO HAVE THE ARTS REPRESENTED. YOU MAY WISH TO SUGGEST ANOTHER NAME IF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BERLOGEA UNABLE TO ACCEPT.

FOR WARSAW: SCHOLARS HERE HAVE SUGGESTED STANISLAW ERLICH, PROFESSOR OF LAW, WARSAW UNIVERSITY, BUT YOU MAY PREFER TO NOMINATE A SPECIALIST IN AMERICAN STUDIES WHO CAN BE EXPECTED TO PLAY A MORE INFLUENTIAL ROLE IN DEVELOPMENT OF AMERICAN STUDIES IN POLAND, SUCH AS ANDRZEJ BARTNICKI.

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FOR MOSCOW: SCHOLARS HERE HAVE SUGGESTED GEORGII ARBATOV, IN ADDITION TO THOSE INVITEES LISTED IN REFAIR. IN VIEW OF ARBATOV'S MANY AND RECENT VISITS TO THE US, CU/EE IS NOT KEEN ON FUNDING YET ANOTHER VISIT, AND SUGGESTS EMBASSY MAY WISH TO NOMINATE A WORKING LEVEL AMERICANISTS FROM MGU'S NEW COUNCIL ON AMERICAN STUDIES.

FOR BUDAPEST: DEPARTMENT WAS NOT CONSULTED ON INVITEES LISTED IN REFAIR. CAN YOU TELL US WHO FERENC PROBALD OF EOTVOS LORAND UNIVERSITY IS? IVAN BOLDIZSAR WE KNOW.

4. SUGGEST POSTS NOT MAKE ANY COMMITMENTS UNTIL NOMINATIONS ACCEPTED AND GRANTS CONFIRMED BY CU, SINCE ATTENDANCE AT BELMONT IS LIMITED BY SIZE OF THE CONFERENCE CENTER. GRANT COSTS WILL INCLUDE NINE DAYS PER DIEM AND INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL, IF HOST GOVERNMENT UNABLE TO PROVIDE. CU/EE ALSO WILLING TO CONSIDER LONGER STAYS UNDER INDIVIDUAL IV PROGRAMS. ADVISE BY JULY 13. KISSINGER

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